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OR Rules at Concord

by Bill Reeves

The Oyster River High School Bobcats flexed their superiority in the N.H.I.A.A. Soccer Finals and became the first school to be both boys and girls champions.

Spirits soared when the girls captured their 4-2 win over West. The boys followed their lead and clobbered Hanover, 3-1 in Concord on November 2.

More than two weeks earlier, the Girls Volleyball Team started the ball rolling in the

N.H.I.A.A. Volleyball Tournament, but were unable to sustain it, losing to Sunapee in the semi-finals, 15-12, 15-10.

Lebanon looks to be the next victim for ORHS to push the ball over in the 'Granite State Challenge' on November 19. ORHS has already crushed Hillsboro-Deering and Manchester Memorial.

Ever since ORHS started to 'rake in' victories, or near victories, students have lifted their spirit to a new high.

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Senior Diane Fitzpatrick tips ball over net in tournament action against Nashua, as

Sophomore Tracey Robinson looks on. More details on Page 6. (Hagman photo)

OR Splits Ticket

by Jon Myslivy

If the state's election results were that of the Oyster River High School's mock election, the Democratic party would have two more candidates elected to public office.

The mock election, designed by sophomore Eliot Shepard, was taken during attendance period on election day and covered the Presidential, Gubernatorial, Senatorial, and Representorial races.

In the Presidential race, Republican incumbent Ronald Reagan received 60 percent of the student vote, 222 total, to Democrat nominee Walter Mondale's 156 votes, or 40%.

"I was surprised by how many Mondale votes there was," said Shepard, after the ballots were counted, "though actually, I wish there were more."

The race for the seat in the United States Senate was the closest in the mock elections with Democratic candidate Norman D'Amours upsetting Republican incumbent Gordon Humphrey's bid for a second Senate seat 191 votes, or 53%, to 168 votes, or 47%.

The contest for the US House of Representatives' seat was a democratic landslide with Durham resident Dudley sweeping 62% or 225 votes to Republican challenger Bob Smith's 38% or 138 votes.

"What a contrast that the students would vote for (John) Sununu, and Dudley Dudley in the same breath," said ORHS Principal Geoffrey Jones, "It's amazing."

Voter turn-out at ORHS with 69% of the students voting, was just about equal to the 71% voter turn-out in Durham, but well under the state voting percentage which averaged between 70%-86%.

SC Downs 7 Period Day

by J.P. Glutting

The Student Council voted at its last meeting not to endorse a proposal for a seven period day. In their statement to the School Board, the general opinion expressed was that it would add too much time to the school day.

The "No" vote was brought to the School Board, the next day by the council's representative, Senior Nancy Erbstein. Specific objections were voiced concerning increased class load, and the time taken by a longer day.

The proposal was originally brought up so students would be able to take a wider variety of courses and schedule the needed lab time

In other business, amendments to the Student Council Constitution were read: one to repeal a previous amendment increasing the size of the student council to 40

members, and another to require the Student Council President to have previous experience on the council. Neither was voted on.

Also discussed was representation to various committees in school. Kevin Pearsall and Beth Fuller will attend Curriculum Committee meetings. However, the Student Council will only receive minutes from the Climate committee meetings, because members of the committee do not want students in attendance. According to Mr. Bob Nilson, Climate Committee Chairman, they do not want a student present because the personalities of members of the faculty are sometimes discussed during meetings.

"It's like your parents," said Mr. Nilson, "they sometimes don't want you around when they are talking about something."

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Class of '84 Gift

by Donna LaRoche

Construction finished October 31 on the estimated \$800.00 patio located in the courtyard area at Oyster River High School.

The patio consists of two aluminum park benches surrounded by flowers and trees. The project was a gift from the Class of 1984. Their Class Advisor Mrs. Cornelia Kitfield and ORHS Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Tommy Thompson created the overall design and layout of the project.

ORHS School Janitor Charlie Bennett helped complete the project by laying the bricks that support the frame, and planting the trees sur-

rounding the area.

"We came up with the idea in hopes that it would be more beneficial than a flowerbed," said Mr. Bennett.

Eric Hagman, one of the graduates of the class of '84, also participated in the construction of the patio.

"I hope the students show a favorable attitude about the work that we put into this," said Hagman, "I actually think it's quite nice."

Mr. Thompson is now making plans for the remaining portion of the senior funds to be put into another patio in front of the library windows.

Chemical People Renew Effort

by Sara Spalding

The Oyster River Task Force on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is having its next meeting November 27th at 7:30 P.M. in the Oyster River High School library. All concerned community members, including students, are welcome.

The task force, which meets on the fourth Tuesday

every month is a result of the Chemical People programs aired last November on Public Television. These shows, the first on drug and alcohol abuse in young people and the second on how to organize task forces, were viewed at nearly 11,000 community meetings. Two of such meetings were held at the ORHS library with a turnout of 50-60 people per meeting, according to ORHS nurse and coordinator for the meetings Mrs. Beth Kleine.

Some objectives for this year include helping to locate funding for a substance abuse counselor and creating a community education class with discussion groups, according to Mrs. Kleine.

Past accomplishments of the task force, according to a newsletter from President

Norah Attenborough, include: providing individual or family counseling upon request, working with Principal Geoffery Jones and the Health Education Committee in establishing discussion groups on drug and alcohol related subjects, volunteering to drive for the S.A.D.D. 'Hot Line' service at the prom, and working with the Oyster River Educational Workshop on last year's graduation cruise.

Inside the 7 Period Day

by Christopher Loder

The School Board discussed a seven-period day schedule for Oyster River High School on October 17.

New Hampshire is planning to lengthen the school day by 30 minutes before the 1988-89 school year. The accumulated time would be 25 minutes for seven periods. The School Board debated starting school earlier in the morning, around 7:45 AM, so students would be out by 2:56 PM. ORHS used to be on a seven-period day schedule in the mid to late sixties. The school day then was from 7:50 AM to about 2:55 PM.



ORHS Janitor Charles Bennett and Eric Hagman '84 survey their work on the patio.
(Taylor photo)

"Peer Pressure" at Prom

by Steve Libby

At the October 24th meeting of the Prom Committee, the rock band "Peer Pressure" was chosen to play at the Cocheco Country Club for this year's Junior Prom.

According to advisor Mrs. Joan Schaefer, the rock band "Peer Pressure" was chosen over the popular band "Crossfire" for financial reasons. "Peer Pressure" has had good reviews at UNH, and they are much more reasonably priced," Schaefer said. Music Committee Chairperson Krisanne Bothner and assistant Dan Wittner have already signed a contract with "Peer Pressure."

The Cocheco Country Club has been decided on as the location of this year's prom. It was chosen over the Ashworth Hotel, because it is closer to home. Also, two years ago a successful prom was held at the club. "It is a perfect place to have a prom," says Oyster River graduate Keith Weston.

Committee members want to hold the prom as early as possible so as not to compete with other local proms," said Mrs. Schaefer. A specific date has not been chosen, but the prom is expected to take place on a Saturday in May.

A decision on the specific date as well as other details can be expected in the next near future.

Mr. John Kohlbjornsen believes the problem is not the amount of time spent in class or number of classes per day, but how the time is used. If more effort by student and teachers was placed into the time we have, more could be learned and less time would be wasted.

The seven period day would allow those students who are taking chemistry and physics to have the required double-period laboratory without missing one of their other courses. The extra period would also allow students the time to talk with teachers or friends, or use the resources in the library for reports and projects.

Sophomore Greg More feels that, "it wouldn't be beneficial" to students since they already have enough homework and other activities.

Board Member Suzanne Loder feels that there should be a laboratory for sciences like biology, but because of the time conflict this idea has been dismissed.

The extra period would also allow students to take practical courses like typing and driver's ed. More art and music courses could be taken though, as Mr. Jones put it, "It isn't just an arts vs. academic issue at all." Students

who want to take an extra math or English course would be able to do so without difficult scheduling.

Mr. Jones said that the students who are already taking two studies would probably cause problems, since there would be more students 'roaming the halls' and disturbing other people who are trying to do their work.

Assistant Librarian Mrs. Baxter stated, "I think the seven-period schedule would be beneficial to students, but I don't think I should have to 'babysit' for students who don't act properly."

It was recommended at the School Board meeting that students would have to take a minimum of five courses.

Mr. Lou Mroz said, "I think there is a need for it in the school," but he also stated, "there should be more money for teachers and activities."

Although there are many advantages, there are also some "pure drawbacks," said Mr. Jones. Students would be in school for an extra 54 minutes, leaving less time for extra-curricular activities. Also, there would be an increase in time, money, and space to accommodate the extra classes.

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SEARCH at UNH

by Tom McBride

Last Wednesday the University of New Hampshire SEARCH Program completed its sixth session with Dr. Norman Moore discussing the effects of the elections.

Moore commented on the realignment of the political structure of the nation and stated that the Republicans are now in power. "Although he is a Democrat, he remained objective throughout the lecture," according to Junior J.Scott Shirley.

The program in its first year has attracted students from 18 high schools including Oyster River.

On October 3, Dr. Filson Glanz spoke about "Robotics in the Workplace". Issues explored were the social implications of robots and how they might replace people someday. Glanz presented both sides of the argument but stood neutral between them. He felt that robots could be helpful if used properly, according to Shirley.

Other lectures already presented include: "Frontiers in Space", "Education in the Future", "The Politics of

World Hunger", and "Aspects of Life".

Most of the speakers for the Search Program are UNH professors who discuss their views on political issues. After each lecture the students break into groups of twelve and discuss the topic with a UNH graduate student serving as moderator.

According to Junior Sara Spalding, "Search is an effective program that introduces students to different fields of study. It also lets us interact with other seacoast area students."

Most of the schools held competitions for enrollment into the program, but most ORHS students who wanted to participate were able to do so.

The ORHS students involved are Seniors Nancy Erbstein, Wendy Batson, Meredith Bennet, and Amy Walenta. Juniors J.Scott Shirley, Sara Spalding, Dehan Glanz, and Bill Lockhart are also taking part.

The next scheduled seminar will be November 14, at 3:00 PM in Murkland Hall on the UNH campus. Dr.Susan White will discuss "Crime in Our Future".

Career Center Is Hub

by Lisa Simmons

The Oyster River Career Center is hosting many speakers and college presentations this month.

"Hosting the colleges and career speakers serves an important purpose to inform students of their post-graduate options," said Career Center Counselor Ms. Nancy Winterbottom.

In their presentations the colleges give a general profile of the school they are representing, its size, cost, location, unique characteristics and available majors.

As well as helping students to choose a college, the Career Center hopes to assist them in choosing a career.

The career speakers, according to Career Center Intern Mike Miller, present their career, its requirements and advantages, along with an idea of what future is available in that field.

Miller went on to say that the Career Center offers many resources designed to help students make important post graduate decisions.

Among the many resources available are manuals from a majority of colleges around the United States, an Apple IIe that enables students to take a practice SAT. There are also a career search, an occupational search, and two career interest surveys.

The Career Center is open during school hours and after school for material use, but an appointment is usually recommended.

COLLEGE VISITATION SCHEDULE

ST.MICHAEL'S COLLEGE	Tues. Nov.13	10:00
NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	Wed. Nov.14	11:30
ST.JOSEPH'S (Conn.)	Thurs. Nov.15	12:30
ASSUMPTION COLLEGE	Fri. Nov.30	10:45
COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE	Tues. Dec.4	11:30
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE	Tues. Dec.4	11:45
EMMANUEL COLLEGE	Fri. Dec.7	1:00
ST.JOSEPH'S(Maine)	Tues. Dec.11	1:30

Food Trades Runs Business

by Kirk Sim

Dover High School's Vocational Program offers various courses which involve trades that students may pursue as careers

The vocational classes include: shop, automotive, small engines, agriculture, drafting, cosmetology, machine shop, food trades, and electricity.

The food trades class has learned how to prepare many foods from appetizers to main courses. Students will also learn management in the food industry, according to Mr. Doug Coons.

Jen Seaver, a student in food trades, feels that it is a good way to 'get your foot in the door' with lots of hands on experience. Seaver said, "It helped me get a good job in a

fine restaurant."

The students are in the process of creating a breakfast shop in which each person would have the opportunity to try all jobs.

The students have a separate dining room where they serve faculty and students.

According to Seaver, meals are made to order to insure freshness, and the group hopes to make \$35-\$100 per day.

Food Trades 2 is going to run more profitable, pizza, sub, and sandwich shops. The money is going to be used to help the Escoffier Club, which hosts dinners and pays for food the class can't pay for.

Food Trades teacher Doug Coons feels that culinary arts will be an upcoming career for many young people.

Yearbook Seeks Funds

by Alisa Lincoln

This year's yearbook will include 32 pages of candid shots. The yearbook staff is working very hard to meet its deadline.

Business Editor Christine Ruffner feels that the group has encountered a lot of problems trying to raise the funds needed for production. Sixty ads are needed to keep the cost of the yearbook down. Currently, the major problem is with ad renewals. One idea that the committee has pro-

posed is that students purchase personal ads to raise the necessary funds. "Hopefully, this will raise the needed money," said Ruffner.

Layout Editor Andy Gillespie has also been busy taking pictures for the eight color pages and doing some photography for the ads. Editor Kathy Lauten thinks that "yearbooks will go on sale before Christmas It looks like because of the increasing number of candid shots, we expect to have a very positive reception."



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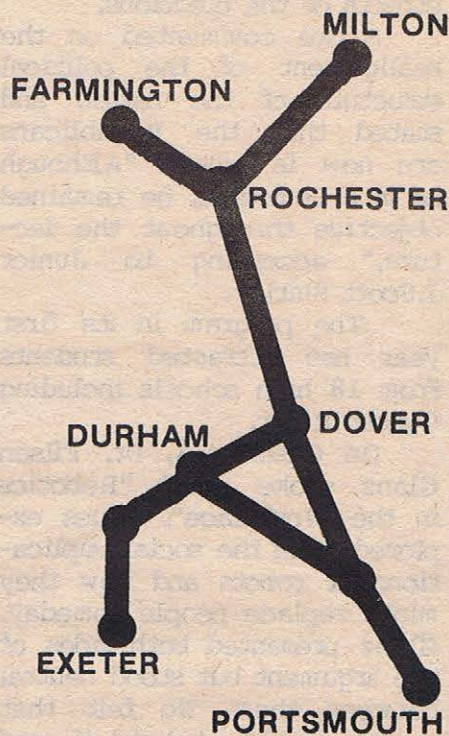
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Newington Mall	9:05	10:50	12:35	2:20	4:05	5:50	7:35	9:35	11:20
Marshall's Mall	9:11	10:56	12:41	2:26	4:11	5:56	7:41	9:41	11:26
Portsmouth Parade Mall	9:17	11:02	12:47	2:32	4:17	6:02	7:47	9:47	11:32
Market Square	9:19	11:04	12:49	2:34	4:19	6:04	7:49	9:49	11:34
Pleasant St & Junkins St	9:22	11:07	12:52	2:37	4:22	6:07	7:52	9:52	11:37
Blue Fin Market	9:23	11:08	12:53	2:38	4:23	6:08	7:53	9:53	11:38
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Market Square	9:28	11:13	12:58	2:43	4:28	6:13	7:58	9:58	11:43
Middle & Miller Sts	9:31	11:16	1:01	2:46	4:31	6:16	8:01	10:01	11:46
Stop 'n Go	9:32	11:18	1:02	2:47	4:32	6:17	8:02	10:02	11:47
Texaco Station	9:33	11:19	1:03	2:48	4:33	6:18	8:03	10:03	11:48
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U-Haul	9:35	11:21	1:05	2:50	4:35	6:20	8:05	10:05	11:50
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Fox Run Mall	9:53	11:39	1:23	3:08	4:53	6:38	8:23	10:23	12:08
Thompson Hall, UNH	10:09	11:55	1:39	3:24	5:09	6:54	8:39	10:39	12:24

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Market Square	10:28	12:13	1:58	3:58	6:13	7:58	9:58	11:43
Middle & Miller Sts	10:31	12:16	2:01	4:01	6:16	8:01	10:01	11:46
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Reduced Schedule Weekdays

Paul Arts, UNH	6:50	7:50	1:05	3:35	4:35	9:15
Fox Run Mall-Jordan Marsh	7:07	8:07	1:22	3:52	4:52	9:32
Newington Mall-Montgomery Wards	7:10	8:10	1:25	3:55	4:55	9:35
Portsmouth Parade Mall-Maplewood Ave.	7:17	8:17	1:32	4:02	5:02	9:42
Miller Ave & Middle St	7:18	8:18	1:33	4:03	5:03	9:43
Stop 'n Go-Middle St	7:19	8:19	1:34	4:04	5:04	9:44
Texaco Station	7:20	8:20	1:35	4:05	5:05	9:45
Greenleaf & Rt 1	7:21	8:21	1:36	4:06	5:06	9:46
U-Haul & Rt 1	7:22	8:22	1:37	4:07	5:07	9:47
Fox Run Mall-Jordan Marsh	7:29	8:29	1:44	4:14	5:14	9:54
Thompson Hall, UNH	7:45	8:45	2:00	4:30	5:30	10:10

The Reduced Schedule Weekdays will be in effect December 28-January 18; March 18-March 22; and May 24-August 30, 1985. Service is not provided weekends during periods of Reduced Service.

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Drama Club's: "You Can't Take It With You"

by Alisa Lincoln

This fall the Drama Club is producing the play, "You Can't Take It With You." They are also busy trying to accommodate the increasing number of students showing an interest in drama.

"You Can't Take It With You" is a play about "a really, really strange family, the Vanderhoffs, and their struggle with nonconformity," said Club President Junior Scott Hartzel. "Sixty people tried out for the twelve roles in the play, and we are trying to give everyone a chance to participate," said Hartzel. The play will be performed on November 29th, 30th and December 1st.

After the fall play is completed other productions will follow. There will be two student-directed, one act plays; a Broadway review and this year's spring musical. The two one act plays combined will involve 12 students. One of the plays will be directed by Amy Klippenstein and Kristin Federer; it has not been decided who will direct the second play.

"Auditions for the plays will be before Christmas Vacation, if everything goes on schedule," said Hartzel. "the plays will be performed in mid-May."

Many students will be involved in the Broadway review. There will be two large choral numbers and music from various Broadway shows. "Auditions for the Broadway review are also scheduled for before Christmas Vacation and the review will be performed in mid-January," said Hartzel.

"This year's spring musical will be small compared to last year's production of 'Ruddigore'," said Hartzel. "Auditions for the musical will be before Christmas Vacation and the musical will be performed in mid-March."

The annual trip to New York City will include three shows and three nights in the Dumfry Hotel. The cost will be around \$195, and the trip is open to everyone.

A short play is also being planned. It will be entered in The Teacher's Theatre Guild Competition in the spring.

The Drama Club's officers are: President Scott Hartzel, Vice-President Jenny Schwarz, and Treasurer Kylie Mills all of whom are juniors. Secretary Kristin Federer and Historian Amy Klippenstein are seniors, and Mr. Tappan is their advisor.



Steve West and Amy Klippenstein rehearsing for fall play. (Loder photo)

SADD

by Jim Valenza

This month marks the third birthday of the student organization Students Against Drunk Driving. In its fourth year the group is taking on new school activities as well as the events and activities that S.A.D.D. has sponsored for the past three years.

"Through these activities we hope to gain more members in the group," said S.A.D.D. advisor Beth Kleine.

The group attends meetings every Tuesday after school in the nurse's office. "It's been the same number, ten to twelve students at each meeting. These dozen students are the nucleus of the group. Others come and help during sales and dances," according to Kleine.

S.A.D.D. has four goals: (1) to help eliminate the drunk drivers and save lives, (2) to alert high school students of the dangers of drunk driving, (3) to conduct community awareness programs, and (4) to organize peer counseling programs to help students who may have concerns about alcohol.

S.A.D.D. students are taking their concerns to the Oyster River Middle and Elementary Schools. "We want to teach the dangers of drugs and alcohol to youngsters through discussions, skits, and hand-outs," said Mrs. Kleine. "We are also hanging up S.A.D.D. posters in the community and at local filling stations."

Mrs. Kleine, Mr. Mroz and the founder of S.A.D.D., Robert Anastas of Wayland, Massachusetts, set up the O.R. chapter in 1981. "Since three years ago, 65 more high school S.A.D.D. chapters have been set up in this state," said Kleine.

One of the several bake sales planned has already passed and it was quite successful. The selling of buttons, key chains and bumper stickers is on going. Many assemblies are scheduled, the first is slated during the National Drug and Drunken Driving Awareness Week (Dec. 9-15).

"If anyone has any questions, would like information about S.A.D.D. or would like to help out, just come to the nurse's office," said Mrs. Kleine.



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OR SPIRIT — 'TWICE AS NICE'

Girls Romp Over West for Title

by BJ Anderson

In front of a huge, predominately Oyster River crowd the OR Girls Varsity Soccer Team won their state title as N.H.I.A.A. champions Sunday, November 4, at Memorial Field in Concord.

The number one seeded OR girls defeated number two seeded Manchester West by a score of 4-2. This is the first championship title ever held by the OR girls.

Sunday's game started out with OR scoring first. At 12:52 of the first quarter, Junior Hilary Dyson crossed a ball which Junior Jo Michel directed into the net, making the early score 1-0 in OR's favor.

West scored their first goal at 19:33 of the second quarter when Jennifer Sullivan chipped a high shot over Freshman Arian Grossi's head. Amy Yager of West gave her team the only lead they would have by netting a penalty kick with 16:27 left in the first half.

OR bounced back with Senior Meredith Bennett leading the charge. Bennett scored at 15:12 of the second quarter when she shot a 30 yard rocket into the upper corner of West's net.

The dominance of play by OR at the end of the second

period was carried into the third period. The Dyson-Michel combination worked once again off a cornerkick to give OR a lead of 3-2.

Bennett put the game on ice in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter. She blasted a shot from 35 yards and found the upper corner of net once again.

When asked what Bennett thought about the game she said, "The best thing about the team is that everyone on the team is a championship quality player."

OR notched two playoff victories to reach the finals. Because of their number one rank the girls got a bye in the first round. In the game against the Stevens Cardinals, it came down to a shootout, which OR won 6-4 with aggressive goaltending by Grossi. In the semifinal match OR blew out Pinkerton 5-1. With those two wins OR gained their first birth in the finals since the beginning of Girls N.H.I.A.A. Soccer four years ago.

After the victory almost 300 student fans from OR chanted, "We are number one!" Freshman Scott Collins said after game, "It was awesome to be in the stands! Everyone from the school came out to cheer for the girls." 



Fall Concert 'Shines'

by Alisa Lincoln

On November 1, the Oyster River High School Band had their first concert of the year, one of seven free performances scheduled.

"It was wonderful! It was one of those times that everyone seemed to relax and enjoy themselves and perform music the way it should be, from the source," said Band Conductor Cindy Plourde.

Performing at the concert on November 1st were the jazz band, chorus, band and choral ensemble. The 26 member band played a patriotic arrangement, a classical piece and a Sousa march.

Six more concerts are being planned with help from the Friends of Music. There will be a winter holiday concert, the Memorial Day parade in May, and graduation.

Additional funding from the Friends of Music has been used to purchase new choral risers, synthesizers and to refurbish the Steinway piano. 

Volleyball Completes Great Season

by Scott Hartzel

The spirit, and jazz band were not enough to sustain Oyster River's winning momentum as they lost to 7th ranked Sunapee High School in semi-final action at the NHIAA volleyball tournament held in Tilton.

The feelings Coach Roy Swanson of OR has for his girls were best expressed when he said, "The team had a good season. They all had a great attitude and deserved every win. I'm glad to be a part of what they had to offer."

Sunapee served to a quick 4-0 lead over Oyster River, until Sophomore Tracey Robinson served OR's first point. From that point the serve was not dominated by either team until Sunapee took over to make the lead 9-1. That lead was short-lived, as OR gained seven points to get back into the game.

With OR behind 14-12, and Sunapee with the serve, Senior Amy Klippenstein attempted a diving save, momentarily preventing a loss. However, the final score was 15-12 Sunapee.

In the second game, OR fell behind 5-3; only to come out of nowhere to take a 10-5 lead. However, they began to lose their championship composure, surrendering ten points to Sunapee's server, Silvia Graf.

The day preceding the semi-finals game, OR beat fifth ranked Nashua, in quarter final action.

Robinson, with 14 points in the tournament, served to an early lead over Nashua. With a total of six kills, OR managed a 15-11 victory.

In the second game, two points were all that Nashua was going to allow Oyster River, as OR had a total of nine missed hits, and a number of missed serves. Nashua jumped ahead to win, 15-2.

In the third game, OR jumped out in front of Nashua, and maintained a shaky lead throughout most of the game. The excitement came to an end as OR won the 16th point to place them in the finals against Sunapee. The match scoring went as follows: 15-11, 2-15, 16-14.

"We had a good solid game against Nashua," according to Coach Swanson. "They had a little better defense, and were throwing something new at us."

Next year's team will have a different problem. OR is going to lose a lot of team members to graduation. According to Swanson, "It's hard to revamp your team. And there are many good players coming up. You can't replace players like Diane and Amy, they were all around players. The team is still a good one, but it will take a little work next year, but it's a good foundation to build on." 

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' TOGETHER — OR SPIRIT



by Donna LaRoche

The Seacoast Regional Choral Festival was held for the first time at Oyster River High School on October 23.

Oyster River hosted the concert to encourage greater activity among other schools in the field of music.

Over 300 students, directors and parents from Portsmouth, Dover, Spaulding, Somersworth, and Oyster River participated in this two hour event.

Each school performed 2-3 songs apiece, and at the end of the night all five schools joined together to sing "Cantique de Jean Racine."

A student from an area school remarked, "It (the choral) was incredible. I've never seen so many people perform together and have it run so smoothly."

Oyster River Choral Director Steven Denson said that the groups performed perfectly and that he was very proud to have witnessed the event.

The Oyster River Chorus

is presently making long range plans for an educational trip to Europe for the summer of '85.

OR Meets 'Challenge'

by Eric Horne

For the second time in a row, Oyster River High School broke "The Granite State Challenge" point record in a game against Hillsboro-Deering High School on Monday, November 5th.

The half hour trivia quiz show was game 12 of a sixteen part series taped by Channel 11.

The combined victories of this game and a previous contest advance O.R. to the semi-finals against Lebanon High School on November 19th.

The quiz show deals with questions from five different subjects: math, language arts, science, social studies,

Boys Silence Hanover: Win Title

by Chris Hosmer

Rob Grabel of the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association stated it best; "It was the finest game I have ever seen between high school teams." He was referring to the championship game between OR and Hanover, last Sunday, at Memorial Field in Concord.

A spirited throng of OR students flocked to the bleachers to shout their team onto victory. Throughout the game, their roars, toots, and rhythmic clanging of a cowbell echoed between the bleachers and the field.

Up until 11:31 of the first quarter, the game slowly fell into OR control. Then OR Junior Greg Healy made an attempt on Hanover's net, on a pass from Senior Bryan Rief. "The goalie caught the ball about a yard inside the net," said Rief, but the referee ruled 'no goal.'

From that point, OR offense put on the pressure, with three shots against Hanover. Then, on a Hanover breakaway, OR Sophomore Howie Howard headed the ball over the onrushing Hanover attackers. Taking advantage of this, Junior Rolly Twombly passed off to Senior Scott MacHardy, who scored with 0:04 left in the quarter.

During the second quarter, the ball was constantly in the Hanover territory. MacHardy and Junior Jon Heisey each scored a goal before 6:40 of

the quarter. Three more attempts were made by OR, before Hanover scored on a breakaway, making the score 3-1 at the end of the first half.

At the start of the third quarter, Hanover, in hopes of a comeback, pressured the OR defense to no avail. OR's Senior goalie Kevin Hegarty, made 3 sweeping saves, while Howard saved a possible attempt by Hanover, by heading the ball back to center field. In this game alone Howard's head shared impact with the ball 13 times.

The fourth quarter was much like the third with Twombly and MacHardy trying one more attempt apiece, while Hegarty made two more diving saves to bring his total to eight. The score remained the same throughout the second half because of the OR defense.

"Awesome...everything was awesome," said Howard about the game.

According to Rief, "It was the team spirit that kept us going, but it was the skill of each player combined that gained us victory. Spirit plus skill equals victory."

Coach Chris Lawrence has nominated 13 players to compete on the state team.

"These boys had spirit, and they deserve the credit they've earned. It was a pleasure to coach them, and I'm kind of sorry that it's all over," said Lawrence

and a general knowledge category.

The first series of questions consisted of 10 point toss-ups. O.R. fell slightly behind Hillsboro-Deering, but came right back in the second half answering several five point bonus questions.

The team's advisor, Mr. Petar Stoykovich, was pleased with the team's accomplishments.

"It was another exciting meet. I think the team did an excellent job and O.R. has a team they can be proud of. We've got our fingers crossed hoping we make it to the finals," he added.

OR's team is comprised of four students, Seniors Tom Cuniff and Chris Glawe and Juniors Kjell Youngren and Scott Bogle.

Team member Chris Glawe gave his impressions of the match, "I think the reason

we are so successful in this is because we are not a one man team. It may appear that way because Tom answers a lot of questions but we are there to back him up."

O.R. defeated Manchester's Memorial High School in their first appearance, October 22nd.

Oyster River's team is one of 26 teams picked in New Hampshire; the final winner will receive a \$500 scholarship for the school and be invited back for next years competition.

O.R.'s first game against Memorial High School will air on Channel Eleven November 22nd and 24th. The game against Hillsboro-Deering will air December 27th and 29th.

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Winter Sports Rebuild

by J. Scott Shirley

Oyster River winter athletes will get their chance to ride the wave of school spirit that recently hit OR this fall.

According to OR Athletic Director Sam Clark, OR will have three major sports this winter: basketball, ice hockey, and winter track.

Boys' Basketball

Head varsity Coach Dave Nichols will be returning for his sixth season. Nichols hopes that, "some of this school-wide excitement will carry over from the soccer season to our winter program." Realistically, Nichols sees the 1984 season as one of rebuilding. "The team should be led Senior Scott MacHardy, one of the captains of this year's soccer team," according to Nichols. Nichols sees Sophomore Greg Tripp and Freshman Jon Friermuth to be "the base of teams to come."

Robert Greenleaf and Doug Sumner will be returning to help Nichols coach this season's team. Newcomer Don Merideth, a graduate of Farmington High School, "known for their defense," says Nichols, will also be helping to coach the team. Junior Varsity Basketball will be coached for the second year by Coach Dean Dedoplus.

Girls' Basketball

Last year's Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Ken Andrews will be trying his hand at coaching basketball. Andrews was disappointed when only 12 girls showed for the first try-out November second. "There are a lot of girls still playing soccer," said last year's second leading scorer Jo Michel. One member of the team that will not be returning, is last year's leading scorer Julie Sasner. "The team will suffer from the loss of Julie," according to Senior team member Susan Robar, "but there are many well-rounded players still on the team."

Better known for her Varsity Field Hockey coaching, Jeni Mosca will be returning to coach this year's Girls' J.V. basketball team. Mosca says, "this year's team, being composed of mostly freshmen, should be interesting and a lot of fun."

Ice Hockey

The Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey Team has lost nine players and one coach since last season. Rick Olmsted will coach this year's squad. This is nothing to Olmsted who coached hockey at OR two years ago. "Olmsted is a very tough coach," says Junior Jeff Kertzer, "but getting up at 4 AM is still the hardest part." Coach Olmsted will be looking towards younger players to lead the team, such as last year's leading scorer Junior Tim Cavanaugh.

OR saw its first J.V. hockey team last year. This year's J.V.'s will be coached by OR graduate John Clark. Unlike last year's team this year's squad will not be sponsored by the Booster Club.

Winter Track

Rich Hinkle will be coaching Winter Track for the third time. Hinkle sees the season as being one of "building for spring track."

According to Junior Bill Lockhart, "We have the experience to be a great team." Coach Hinkle will be looking towards the experience of Seniors B.J. Anderson and David Elliot; Juniors Josh Fitzgerald and Scott Shirley to lead scoring in the distance events. Coach Hinkle sees last year's most valuable player Bill Lockhart as "doing very well in the state meet."

Due to only three girls competing in last year's winter track program, it has been proposed that there only be one team with one coach.

"I don't see any championship banners," says A.D. Sam Clark, "but it all depends on the individuals who come out for the sports, and how hard they work."

Field hockey on the attack from action this fall. (Elliot photo)



Fall Sports

by Drew Tognela

Led by State Championship teams in Boys and Girls Soccer, Oyster River completed a very successful fall sports season. In the midst of rebuilding their team, Girls Field Hockey was the only team that didn't have a winning record.

The Boys and Girls Varsity teams both advanced to the N.H. State Championships this year after strong regular schedules.

Boys soccer, led by senior tri-captains Kevin Hegarty, Bryan Rief, and Scott MacHardy, had a 13-1 record. Up until the finals, MacHardy had 17 goals and 11 assists and Hegarty had 8 goals against him in 16 games. O.R., seeded 3rd at the beginning of the state tournament, beat three teams to advance to the final against Hanover. They then went on to beat Hanover, 3-1, to win the State Championship.

Girls soccer, led by senior capitans Layne Pomerleau and Meredith Bennet also had a 13-1 record. Junior Hilary Dyson scored 21 goals this season, and Senior Kathleen Duffy had 14. The girls were seeded 1st in the state tournament, and beat Stevens and Pinkerton to advance to the finals. They then went on to beat Manchester West, 4-2, to win the state championship.

Girls Varsity Volleyball finished 15-1 this season and advanced to the state tournament. Their only loss was to Mascenic in a best-of-three match led by senior Amy Klippenstein. They went on to the tournament and beat Nashua in the quarter finals. They then lost to Sunapee in the semis to conclude a very fine season.

Boys and Girls Cross Country finished their season with a 7-4 record. They were led by Senior Captain Andy Grossi and Junior Joyce Anderson, who both qualified for the state championships. The team placed first in their league, and 10th in the state Class M League in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team finished their season with a 1-12-1 record. Led by Seniors Kathy Porter and Michelle Comtois, the team was made up primarily of sophomores and juniors. Sophomore talents Molly Hodgson and JoAnna Evora helped by contributing their skills to the young varsity team. The J.V. team finished with a record of 5-9.

Boys J.V. and Freshmen Soccer both finished their seasons with winning records. J.V. finished at 11-1, their only loss coming from Concord 2-1. The freshmen finished with a record of 5-4.

The Boosters Club will be sponsoring an in-school assembly this year to honor all the athletes.

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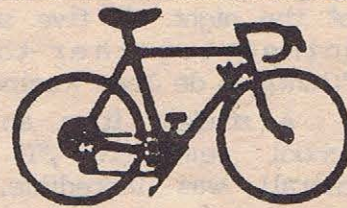
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Math Team Rebounds

by Bob Hughes

The Oyster River Math Team bounced back from a fifth place performance on October 3 to capture two first place finishes in a Southeastern League meet at Sanborn on October 16, and a Tri-State League meet at Timberlane on November 7.

At the Division II meet held in Timberlane, where they scored 246 points, OR's strength came from Seniors Jon Chorlian, Tom Cunniff, and Kirsten Federer, who each scored a perfect 30 points. Senior Demi Dubois and Junior Kjell Youngren each had 24 points.

On October 16, ORHS finished first in a field of six, with Nute and Sanborn finishing second and third. Leading ORHS were freshmen Mark Erickson and Kirsten Findell with 18 points each, and Junior Heather Conklin with 17 points.

At the Tri-State meet on October 3, Oyster River finished behind Amesbury (Ma), Masconomet (Ma), Spaulding, and Timberlane. Seniors Jon Chorlian, Greg Mercer, and Junior Tom Carter each scored a perfect 30 points. Senior Demi Dubois placed fourth for ORHS with 28 points.

The three meets were the first in a year long math season consisting of 12 scheduled meets. OR's next competition will be a Southeastern league meet at OR on December 20.

French Club Plans Year

by Lisa Simmons

The Oyster River High School French Club met Monday, October 15 after school to discuss future activities.

Possible trips being considered are to Boston, Quebec, and New York.

The trip to New York is during February vacation and is in conjunction with the Drama Club. The same itinerary will be followed by both clubs.

"This trip is just for fun," Sophomore Club President Tasha Seitz said.

Also in planning stages are a Christmas party and a banquet at a French restaurant.

Seitz said, "The goal of this year's French Club is to have fun learning the language." She went on and said, "We welcome any interested students to join the club."

The club meets the second Monday of the month in room 103. The club officers are President Sietz, Junior V.P. Heather Conklin, Senior Secretary and Treasurer Nancy Erbstein.



Jazz Band Rallies

by Lizz Stewart

Oyster River High School's Jazz Band has been very active at athletic events and also at the November 1st Fall Music Department concert.

The events that the Jazz Band has participated in so far have been "both fun and successful," said Sophomore Mark Randal.

According to Senior Scobi Putchler, the purpose of the band is to participate in most of the Music Department concerts. There is also the possibility of being in the Drama Club's Cabaret night. They're currently "workking or new stuff," said Putchler who also stated that "besides the performances the developing is favorite my part."

The members of the band are Seniors Putchler, Andy Pokoski, and Andy Deal; Junior Joe Pokoski; Sophomores Jason Carr, Dan Randal, and Mark Randal. Director Dave Eruin is a full time University of New Hampshire student and part time teacher.

Eruin founded the Jazz Band last year. Now two members have graduated and three have joined. According to Pokoski, "the band is open to anyone who has the cabability of doing it." Each member owns their own instruments and has already learned how to play it. According to Putchler, "the experience of the band members varies greatly."

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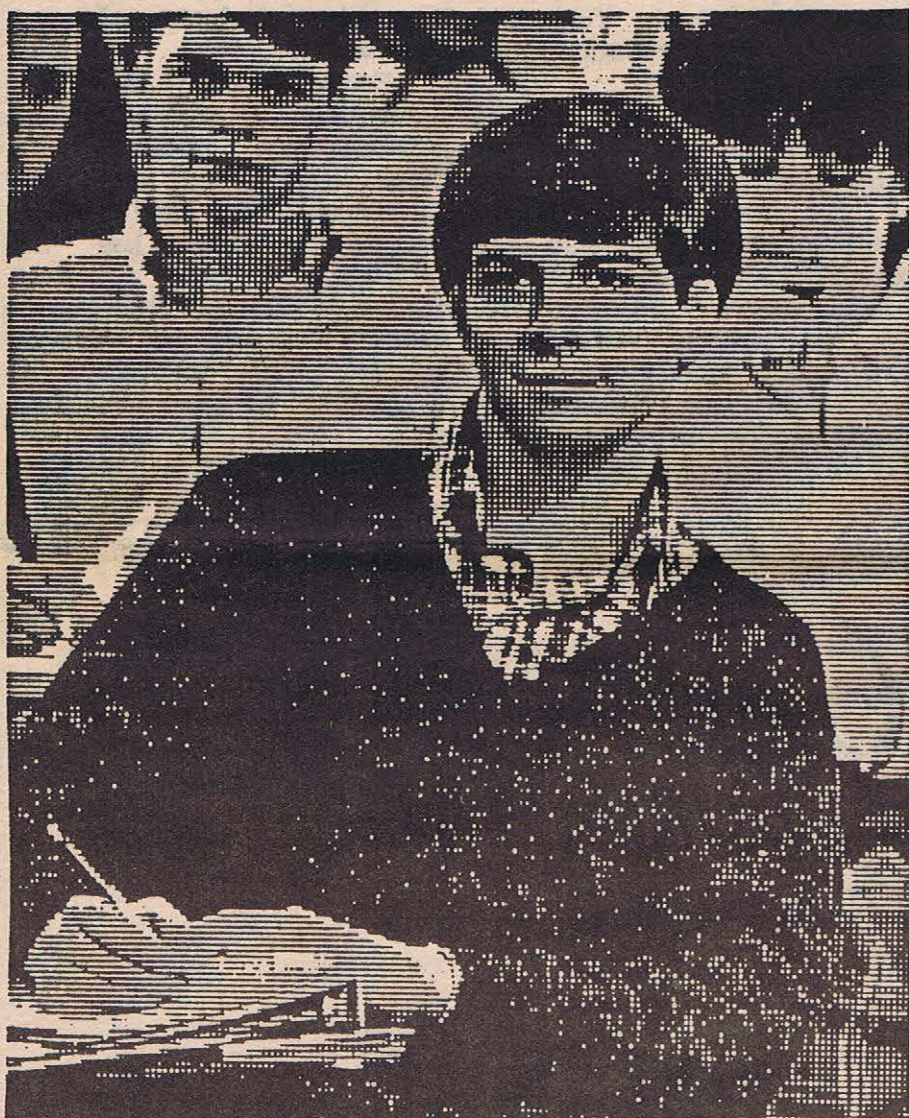
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'Edward H. Adams': Linking Past and Present

by David Taylor

Moored in front of the old John Hancock Warehouse on the York River is a 69 foot sailing barge named the Captain Edward H. Adams. This gundalow is not an anachronism but an educational tool visiting York, Maine this month.

At low tide, when the red planked hull of the gundalow is exposed, its flat bottom rests on the grey-green mud flat. The massive spar looms high above the warehouse creating an image of a by gone era.

The Adams and the Piscataqua Gundalow Project Regional Education Program are part of an effort to create regional awareness.

Project director Alex Herlihy of Oyster River High School has presented 13 regional history programs in seacoast communities this year. He and his staff of eight have put 10 months of time and effort into the project thus far.

The gundalow education program was inspired by the construction of the "Adams", a replica of the "Fannie M", a gundalow that sailed the Piscataqua Basin 80 years ago. The Piscataqua Gundalow Project was responsible for the construction of the gundalow in 1982 at Strawberry Banke.

In February of 1984 the National Endowment for the Humanities presented a \$60,000 grant to the Gundalow Project to fund the many activities of the education program. According to Herlihy, these activities include:

- the formation of town gundalow committees to organize and support visits of the "Adams",

- the presentation of teacher workshops,

- the presentation of community lyceums on regional history,

- the production of media presentations,

- the creation of permanent and mobile exhibits,

- the organization of oral history presentations,

- and the publication of a brochure illustrating regional history, environment and current issues.

"These activities, are not only for schools, but for entire communities to benefit from," commented Herlihy.

Media Producer Paul Gasowski of Oyster River High School provides his talents for creating audio-visual material for the Gundalow Project Education Program. He has produced a slide-tape that covers the history of the gundalow and the region it served.

Alex Herlihy stated, "There is a purpose behind studying all this history: to create regional awareness now."

The Piscataqua Region was the life line to central New Hampshire and Maine before railroads and trucks. The Boats of the Piscataqua supplied everything to the surrounding inland towns. The people of the project believe the seacoast region can work as one again, on current issues.

1985 promises to be a propitious year for the Gundalow Project. The myriad programs and events that are planned will be upon us soon. The people working on the project urge all to take part and benefit from the experience. 

Hockey Goes Cable

by J.P. Glutting

Oyster River High School Hockey games will be shown on Cablevision of Exeter each month thanks to the ORHS Videotape Production Class.

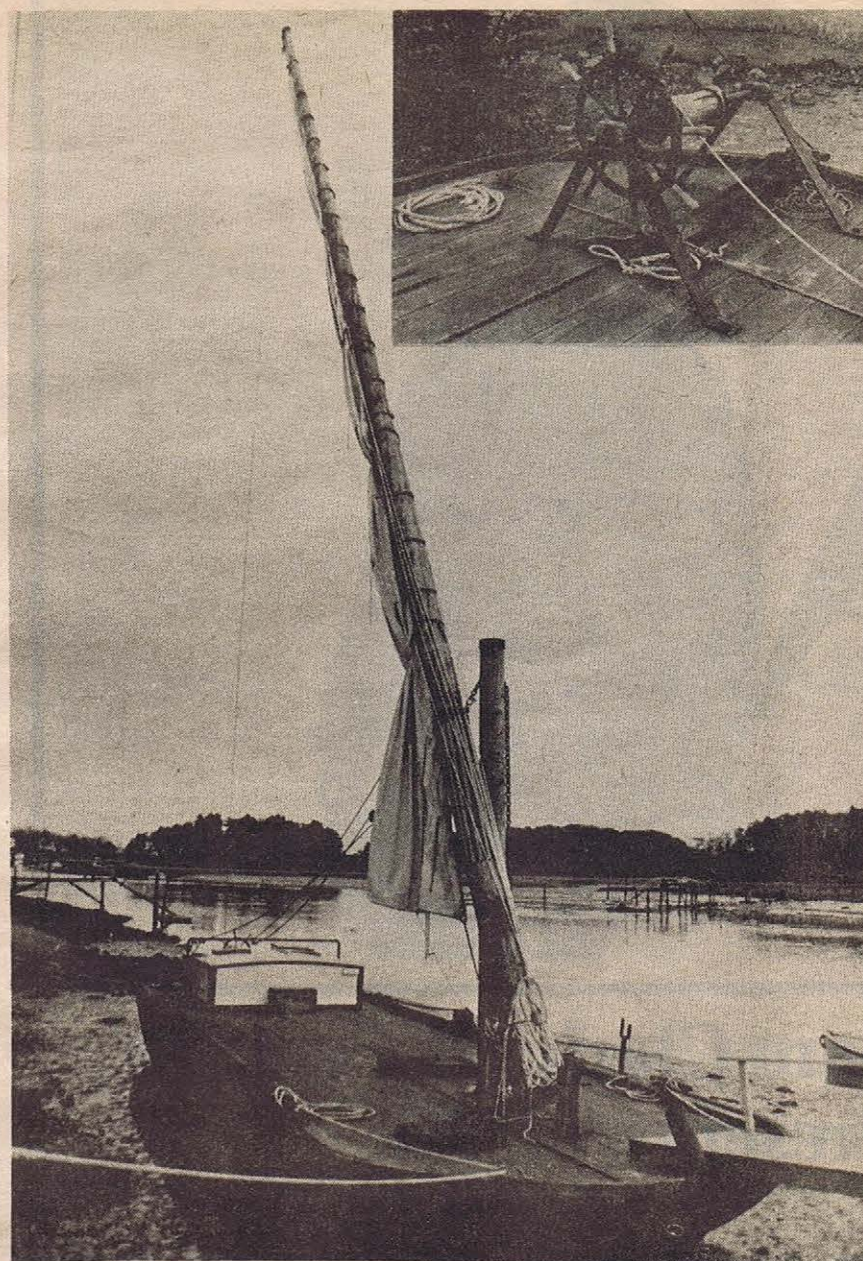
The tape delayed broadcast will air the second Sunday of each month on Durham's Channel 11 starting in December. The games, which will be narrated by students, will be on Durham's Channel 12, one Sunday per month beginning in December.

The hockey coverage is a new project for the videotape class, which has been taping Scan, the school, the community, and the Arts network for Cablevision.

Scan can be seen on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 PM and 7 PM, also on Channel 12.

The half hour show consists of seven to ten minute segments on topics of interest to local residents. The November 13 SCAN will be about OR students' political views, the OR cross country team, equestrian competition, and will feature student poetry.

In addition to the monthly projects the videotape production students are taping 30-second promotional spots for OR's participation in the "Granite State Challenge", and a videotape on the process in the OR School District for the English Department.



The 'Edward H. Adams' moored at Hancock Wharf in York, Maine.

Byrnes Brings Talents To Program

by Ben Corrow

Oyster River High School has a new science-math teacher this year. Robert Byrnes, a native of Boston and former teacher from Gloucester, Mass. is highly educated for the job.

Mr. Byrnes noted that high school students in this area of New England have more structured futures and plans for their careers. Another reason for considering Oyster River was he heard it was a hard but good school. He was also looking for new challenges in his job. He is teaching biology, concepts of biology, chemistry, and review math.

Mr. Byrnes said that he felt out of place when he came to O.R. but he also stated, "It takes time to find a niche. If

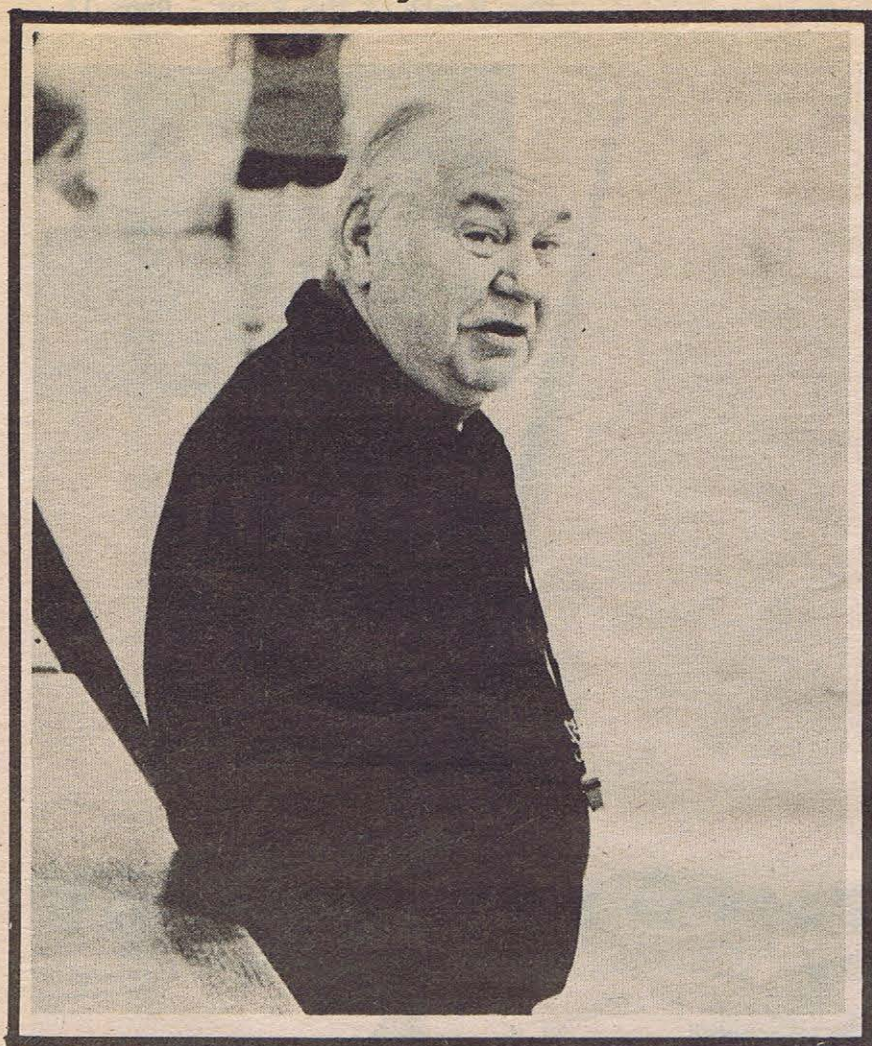
you can't find one you establish one!" This is what he hopes to do at Oyster River.

Mr. Byrnes graduated from Salem High School in 1965 and from Suffolk Under Graduate School in 1971. He also attended Wisconsin State University and Harvard Graduate school where he took classes in Environmental Management. He has not finished these studies yet.

Mr. Byrnes lives in Newmarket with his wife and three children of 16 years, 10 years, and sixteen months. Among his many interests, he enjoys hiking, bicycling, carpentry and running every day.

At Gloucester, he was coach of the cross country and track teams for five years. He said he hopes to coach a team at Oyster River someday. 

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Sam Clark: A Positive Presence at OR

by Bill Reeves
Sports Editor

Who was nominated the 1983-84 State Athletic Director in New Hampshire by the Council of Secondary Schools?

Tho has attended every Booster Club Sports Banquet since he's been here at Oyster River High School?

Who was honored in a 1982 testimonial by his former players at the Elks Club in Dover? ORHS Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director Sam Clark.

Sometimes you see him walking outside with one of his six physical education classes. After 26 years, Coach Clark says he's "always enjoyed working with and being around youngsters," and says, "it keeps me active in sports."

He says he hopes to "provide a program that is enjoyable and educational to the youth," with both individual and group activities.

P E Teacher Sandra Lawson, who has known Coach Clark for 14 years, says "he encourages those with trouble."

"Everyone should exercise for their health and welfare; hopefully, from P.E. they will develop a desire for other sports," according to Coach Clark.

After finishing his classes at 2:15, Coach Clark can be found smoking a cigarette, leaning over his desk in the boys locker room. The job of A.D. takes about 10 hours a week and varies according to the season, Coach Clark says. During this time he arranges athletic schedules, officials for home games, transportation and the sports budget. Most

scheduling is done at the annual A.D. meeting in March.

"When games are rained out, the rescheduling of games and getting different officials," is very frustrating states Coach Clark.

After school Coach Clark who worked 10 years at Andover High School and two at Franklin High School, was once seen riding a mower on the school fields. Why did a man with a Bachelor of Science ride a mower? Coach Clark says he volunteered to do it during the school year and was paid in the summer. Now Coach Clark has a replacement, 1984 ORHS graduate Eric Hagman, who was hired this year.

Coach Clark seems to have a constant vigil at home games. Varsity Basketball Coach Dave Nichols says, "He attends as many home games as possible." Possibly it's habit after 19 years of soccer and 18 years in basketball, or maybe the 12 years of baseball plus two years in spring track.

He coached six teams into the state soccer finals and says it was winning three state titles, in 1967, 1969, 1970, that provides some of his most memorable moments. He also holds an impressive regular season 100 game winning streak in soccer, says Mr. Nichols. Two of Coach Clark's basketball teams advanced to the finals in 1964 and 1967 but were unable to win.

Three times a year, Coach Clark is seen at the Booster Club Sports Banquet, where he hands out letters and certificates. In all his 26 years, he has never missed a banquet yet and He says, "generally speaking, great numbers (of athletes) go on in college,

only in soccer and basketball."

ORHS 1961 graduate Steve Bamford, now Hampton Junior High School's Principal, is probably the best athlete Coach Clark has seen. Bamford netted 1000 points in basketball and was also a soccer goalie. Coach Clark has definitely seen some extraordinary athletes since 1959, when he started under ORHS Principal Mr. George Pasichuke.

He's also a formidable golfer, according to Mr. Don Greenwell. Mr. Nichols and Coach Clark, who hits in the 80's, plays a game of golf about once a week for "friendly wagers."

Sometimes you can get a glimpse of Coach Clark wandering the halls of ORHS as he may have done in Proctor Academy, his high school in Andover Ma. There he played football, basketball, and base-

ball. Then he went to the University of New Hampshire for two years, continuing to play football, basketball, and baseball which he says was his best sport. The United States Army Infantry called him off to the Pacific in 1941 where he says he "saw a little action." After serving his four years, he returned to UNH, changing his major to Physical Education. His 1946 baseball team went undefeated in the Yankee Conference with Coach Clark's help in left field.

Now Coach Clark says he's "close to retirement" and has "no plans after," he retires. Before he leaves he would "like to see a larger weight room and more equipment." Coach Clark explains.

Mr. Greenwell explains, "if and when he decides to stop and relax, in one way he will enjoy it, in another way miss it."

On Spirit

by Sarah Spalding

There has been concern from both the faculty and students in regards to Oyster River High School's spirit. Last Friday's pep rally may reflect a drop in spirit over the past few years according to ORHS Athletic Director Sam Clark.

In order for school spirit to be effective, it must be widespread and that was not the case at the pep rally. "I would like to see a little more student involvement rather than having it centralized on the floor," says Clark. He went on to say that, "If I were a team member it wouldn't get me pepped up."

This problem might be alleviated if we had more opportunities to voice our spirit. Many people just didn't know how to react at a pep rally.

School spirit goes beyond "rah rah," said ORHS Principal Mr. Geoffrey Jones. It is a sense of community, feeling that we are part of the whole and that it is a part of us, according to Jones.

In order to accomplish this, we must be aware of how we interact with our environment on an everyday basis. We need to respect the physical appearance of the school and also support and encourage fellow students.

The lack of support is often due to the fact that ORHS students are largely a "group of participants not spectators," according to Jones. People are highly involved in various activities along with having a heavy homework load.

In which case, students need to learn how to budget or make time in order to contribute to the community.

School spirit is an issue because it "spills over into other areas," said Jones.

If an environment is positive we will want to be there. This can have an effect on students' studies, their performance in sports, and also their attitude towards the school.

"School spirit gives everyone a place and, given that opportunity, students can excel in both curricular and extracurricular activities," said Junior Scott Shirley.

The importance of spirit has been recognized by both the faculty and students and steps have been taken. Money has been allocated in the budget for assemblies.

"We are trying assemblies to bring us all together, to create the community oneness," says Jones. He also suggests having awards ceremonies during the day to recognize student achievements.

Other spirit oriented activities include blue and white day, which ended with the pep rally, and also the various displays in the front corridor. These displays range from 4H participation, to student artwork, to banners like, "Victory Is Twice As Nice! Congratulations!"

Also working towards the "spirit and liveability" of the school is the Climate Committee, according to Mr. Robert Nilson.

There has been an improvement recently. "As a direct result of our winning the two championships the spirit has gone up incredibly. People are proud of the school and the soccer teams' accomplishments," said Senior B.J. Anderson.

Considering this we should take advantage of the situation and build upon our current spirit.

With these steps already taken, the final responsibility must fall on those most greatly affected, the students. So take the time to be supportive of our classmates, to cheer at a pep rally or game, and to maintain the appearance of the school.

Not only must we become involved but we must try to get others involved. It needs to be a group effort of people who care. If people don't care, the actions will be worthless.